(b) the amount spent annually thereon and the amount spent for purchase of clothes and stiching separately;

(c) whether there is an approved formula for the purchase of clothes and stitching thereof;

(d) whether there is any complaint from the employees that stiching of the uniforms is not done properly; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to supply cloth and giving stiching charges or paying some amount as uniform allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) A statement is given in the annexure *[See Appendix 180 annexure No. 18]*.

(b) the information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) Yes, Sir. Purchase of cloth and stiching thereof is done in accordance with the provisions contained in the report of the Uniforms Committe, 1980.

(d) There are a few complaints regarding stiching of uniforms they are looked into and remedial action is taken by the Railways.

(e) At present there is no such proposal with this Ministry.

Expansion of Rail Coach Terminals

860. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand some rail coach terminals in the country;

(b) whether any coach terminal on the South Eastern Railway is proposed to be expanded in 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for the expansion of Bhubaneswar coach terminal for which the proposal has been pending since long?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work of development of coaching complx at Bhubaneswar at a cost of Rs. 1.7 crore is in progress and will be completed by March 1997.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में यात्री डिब्बों की बिक्री

861. **श्री अजीत पी० के० जोगी**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित करने के लिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में यात्री डिब्बों की बिक्री करने की कोई योजना तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इन डिब्बों के निर्यात के लिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मानक संगठन से प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त कर लिया गया है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) जी हां, यात्री सवारी डिब्बों सहित चलस्टाक के निर्यात को एक प्रमुख क्षेत्र के रूप में पहचान की गई है और जोरदार विपणन के माध्यम से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में प्रवेश करने का विनिश्चय किया गया है। भारतीय रेल ने इस दिशा में निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए हैं.

1. सभी निर्यात से संबंधित पूछताछों को निपटाने केवल एक खिड़की से सुनिश्चित करने के लिए एक नोडल अधिकारी को नामित किया गया है।

2. राइट्स और इरकान, भारतीय रेल की स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनियों, को निर्यात एजेंट के रूप में नामित किया गया है।

3. निर्यात संवर्धन समिति का गठन किया गया है।

(ग) यात्री सवारी डिब्बों सहित रेलवे चलस्टाक का ग्राहक की विशिष्टियों के अनुसार निर्माण किया जाता है। बहरहाल, एक यात्री सवारी डिब्बा निर्माण इकाई-सवारी डिब्बा कारखाना, मद्रास ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानक संगठन (आई एस ओ) प्रमाणपत्र पहले ही प्राप्त कर लिया है। दूसरी इकाई-रेल सवारी डिब्बा कारखाना कपूरथला

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मानक संगठन प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त करने की दिशा में कार्यरत हैं। इस उत्पादन इकाई के कुछ उत्पादन खंडों ने पहले ही आई एस ओ प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त कर लिया है

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Construction of Railway Guest House at Haridwar

862. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway guest house in the religious city of Haridwar; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a proposal for providing a Yatri Niwas at Haridwar has been received very recently.

Adhoc Allotment of Canteens and Shops at Railway Stations

863. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are allotting canteens and shops on an adhoc basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any laid down allotment policy of the Railways in Andhra Pradesh for the allotment of shops and canteens at railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The prescribed catering policy applicable on all Indian Railways including Andhra Pradesh provides for allotment of catering/vending licences by Zonal Railways by inviting applications from the professional/reputed caterers. Applications received are screened by a Screening Committee and licence awarded to the most suitable candidate on merits, after approval from competent authority.

German assistance for modernisation of Indian Railways

864. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought cooperation of Germany for upgrading and modernising the Indian Railways, as reported in "The Hindustan Times", dated 7th February, 1997;

(b) whether any talks between the German Minister of Economics and Labour and the Railways Minister were held recently in New Delhi in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and outcome of the discussion indicating the amount of financial aid Germany is likely to give for the purpose of modernisation of Indian Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Talks were held between the German Minister of Economics and Labour and the Minister of State for Railways on 6.2.97. Areas of possible co-operation between the two countries pertaining to Railways were discussed in general. No specific proposal was discussed.

Poor Condition of Kaikalur and Mondavallin Railway Stations

865. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of Kaikalur and Mondavallin railway stations in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;